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The women will have a pie sale on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, the day preceding Thanksgiving. The sale will be held at the rooms of the Union Pacific Tea Co. on Calhoun street.

The social and business meeting of the young people will be held at the Wertman home, on Columbia avenue, Tuesday evening, Nov. 4th.

At a recent meeting of the Sunday School officers and teachers it was decided to give a bazaar on the evenings of November 20th and 21st. Announcement of committees, etc., will be made later.

The women will give their Christmas Sale and Supper Thursday evening, December 4th. All are asked to contribute to this sale and supper. We are making this announcement in the parish paper so that none will offer the excuse that they were not solicited. This is your invitation to do all you can: make some fancy work or aprons, or what-not for the sale and furnish something for the supper. The women are working to make this a great success.

MARRIAGES AT THE PARSONAGE

August 30—Edward E. Winninghof and Bertha Croy.

Sept. 2—Fred R. Parker and Martha K. Steward.

Sept. 6—Charles Linger and Helen Baker.

Sept. 20—Williard Dumfun and Eta Snyder.

These young people are all residents of Fort Wayne; we wish for them a happy and prosperous future. May God's richest blessing abide with them.

Mrs. Evelyin Sproaht was received into the church at the Communion

Services Sabbath morning, October 19.

The pastor is preparing a series of Sabbath evening sermons on observations made while on his tour during the summer. We hope these sermons may prove instructive and spiritually helpful to the people.

TOPICS

Nov. 9th—On Board the Cedric. His Wonders in the Deep.

Nov. 16th—A Sabbath in Historic Edinburgh—The Home of John Knox.

Nov. 23d—Christian Hospitality in Bonnie Scotland. The Aberdeen Council.

Nov. 30th—London, the World's Metropolis, Its People and Churches.

Dec. 7th—The City of the Dead—Westminster Abbey.

Dec. 14th—Paris—Its Pleasure-Loving People. Their Sabbath a Holiday.

Dec. 21st—A Christmas Sermon. The World's Conqueror—At the Tomb of Napoleon.

Dec. 28th—Christ and Religion in the Art Galleries of Europe.

Jan. 4th—Picturesque Switzerland. On the Mountain Top.

Jan. 11th—Zurich, the Home of Ulrich Zwingli. The World's Sunday School Convention.

Jan. 18th—Heidelberg and the Reformation. The Old Castle.

Jan. 25th—The Rhine. From Bingen to Cologne. Terraced Mountain Slopes, Castle and Cathedrals.

Feb. 1st—Protestant Berlin—The City and Palace of the King.

Feb. 8th—Holland, the Cradle of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Feb. 15th—Homeward Bound. Coming into Port.

One of the most eventful and never-to-be-forgotten days for us was the 2d

day of June, 1913, when we said good-bye to loved ones and friends and started upon our long journey to New York and across the sea. There is no word in the English language that carries with it such a weight of meaning as the word good-bye. For us there was a terrible wrench upon our heart-strings as we looked out of the rear door of the coach upon the fluttering handkerchiefs in the distance, and when we could see no more we sat down and were quiet for our hearts were aching and our eyes were full of tears.

After a brief stop at Canton we took the train for New York, arriving there at 8:30, June 3d. Our headquarters in New York was the Chelsea on E. 23d street. We spent the day in doing a little shopping at Wannamakers, and at Central Park.

We saw the beautiful collection of pictures presented by the late Pierpont Morgan, but the pictures by Whistler, our own American artist, were especially attractive to us.

The wide cement walks leading through the great park were lined with women and children and baby carriages. Not a woman or child could be seen upon that wide-stretching, soft green grass, nor under the shade of the beautiful trees, for everywhere was in evidence the sign, "keep off the grass." I am most happy to say that in all our journeying we never saw that sign again and were glad of it, for it does not agree with our ideas.

There never was a spear of grass too good for little children's feet to romp and play on. Might it not be that the Creator had them in mind when He covered the hillsides and valleys with a soft green carpet and hung the trees with beautiful foliage?

On Wednesday evening we attended the prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church and heard Dr. Mendenhall, who, by the way, was once pastor of the Third Presbyterian church in Fort Wayne.

On Thursday morning we went to the White Star pier at the foot of 23d

street and boarded the steamer at once. The Cedric is a magnificent boat, beautifully equipped and in every particular well adapted for the comfort and convenience of its passengers. It is a floating palace with its reception rooms, library and reading room, its easy lounging chairs, its spacious dining room, and, not the least, its broad decks whereon walking becomes a delightful recreation.

As the time drew near for the departure of the vessel everything was hurry and bustle; people running hither and thither with boxes of flowers and baskets of fruit; friends on deck who were spending the last moments with loved ones before their departure were hurried from the ship ere the gangway was removed.

The sea of tear-stained faces below was a pathetic sight. Fifteen hundred people had come to say good-bye to friends. We had no one in all that throng who was interested in us but we joined the crowd on the decks in waving farewells.

At 12 o'clock sharp the signals were given, the great ship began to tremble, and we were soon sailing through the harbor of New York. The stars and stripes were floating over our heads, the orchestra was playing the dear old hymn, America, and as we stood on deck our eyes were strained to get a last glimpse of turrets and spires, and of the Goddess of Liberty that was fast fading from our view.

A little after 1 o'clock our pilot was dropped and the last letters were gone to loved ones and friends. We were sailing out of the harbor into the great sea.

Soon we heard the bugle call for luncheon and we hurried below. The beautiful dining room and the elaborate service were a new experience for us. We were privileged to share the table with most delightful people from Philadelphia, Mr. and Mr. Reed Augustus Morgan and their two children. They were people of means and had traveled extensively. They gave us

much valuable information that was helpful to us all through our trip. They also helped to celebrate Mr. Zartman's birthday in a very unexpected way.

We spent much of our time on deck to avoid seasickness. We watched the great ship plow through the mighty deep, throwing up great furrows of water, as it goes tumbling over into the bosom of the ocean you see in its depths every opalescent shade, sapphire, emerald and pearl. The salt water is lashed into a foam and covers the spray as a filagree of silver. A page from my diary gives the following: Friday morning, June 6—This is a glorious morning. The sea is a little more restless today than yesterday. I can now understand the meaning of "silvery sea"; as the sun shines upon it, it seems to be covered with a silver sheen. The little white caps are floating like myriad jewels upon its bosom. There seems to be a path of gold across the waters leading up to the sun, and around the sun are all the tints of the rainbow. The outlook over this great expanse of water is beautiful with a radiance softly bright. Fleecy clouds are floating over our heads. Some hang so low that it seems as if our masts must tear them asunder if we should pass beneath them. Toward the horizon they are stretched one above the other, far away in long, low lines that we cannot call bars, but remind us of rippling water, their outlines are so soft and undefined. The day is almost gone. The sun is creeping down the western sky. The nearest clouds are blazing with crimson and gold while farther away they are softly illumined with a mellow, grayish light. They seem of the lightest texture, too unsubstantial to reflect much of the sun's brightness, but retaining it for their own beauty.

All day long I have watched the sky and water. I have seen beautiful skies at home but somehow they were not like that which now attracts my attention. The difference is caused by that vast intervening space, and by the con-

tinuous vapor or haze that modifies the light from the setting sun.

The sea this evening is so quiet and calm; it seems as a huge sapphire set in a rim of violet, under the beautiful skies. We are looking into the distant horizon and wishing that our eyes might penetrate it that we might see far away into a little home in Bluffton. A prayer is in our hearts and on our lips: God watch over them and all our friends in our home city.

Mrs. Allan K. Zartman.

Our Rally Day was a record day for Grace Church and Sunday School, one of the best days we have had for many years. The house-to-house visitation, the pastoral letter and announcement cards brought good results. The attendance at Sunday School and the church services were very good. The total attendance at Sunday School was about 160; quite a number of scholars came in late and were not reported. The special offering for the day amounted to something over \$47.00.

Report of Sunday School on Rally Day

Classes.	Attendance.	Offering.
Primary	38	\$ 3.59
Esther Fritz	9	.60
Ruth Gumper	12	1.06
Lulu Bitner	14	1.80
Hazel Gooley	3	.70
Anna Doerner	11	1.50
George Shiffer	10	1.62
W. F. Close	5	.55
Bible Class	47	13.50
Total	152	\$24.92

The pastor attended the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod, which met at Mulberry, Ind., Wednesday evening, Oct. 8th. There was a good attendance and we had a very pleasant meeting. The pastor was entertained at the home of Mrs. Habecker, who until recently was a member of Grace Church. She is very conveniently located to the church and feels quite at home with the people. She wishes to be remembered to all of her friends in Fort Wayne.

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Miss Nellie Guilaum is at Hope hospital quite ill with typhoid fever. We are hopeful for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Kittie Vining Parker is spending the month with relatives in New York state in the Catskills.

Miss Esther Fritz entertained the Young People's Society at her home on Sherman street Tuesday evening, Oct. 7th.

The Penny Supper given by the young people on Friday evening, Oct. 17th, was a very pleasant social affair. The net receipts will be about \$15.

Mrs. Sadie Boals is at the Lutheran hospital, where she had an operation for gall stones. While the operation was a very serious one, she is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf recently attended the state convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at South Bend, Ind. She will also attend the National convention at New York.

Mrs. John Snyder entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at her home Thursday afternoon, Oct. 16th. There was a good attendance and the women had a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. Christian Waldo, Miss Libbie Felker and Mrs. F. W. Hildebrand entertained the women of Grace Church at the home of Mrs. Hildebrand Friday afternoon, Sept. 26th. This was a very large gathering and the women had a pleasant social afternoon together.

Mrs. C. M. Schaaf, of Covington, Ky., was in the city for a few weeks during the illness of her father, Mr. Conrad Neireiter. She was the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Gumper. Mr. Neireiter has recovered so far again that he is able to be out and about.

Mrs. Weiler, on Lake avenue, has been quite successful in growing some very fine fruit on her lot, and exceptionally so this season. We are indebted to her for some canned cherries and plums and a bushel of grapes. It was very kind of her to remember us during the cherry season when we were far away from home. We surely appreciate her kindness.

Miss Hazel Gooley, Miss Esther Fritz, Miss Nora Minor and Mr. Evan Williams attended the District Christian Endeavor convention at Bluffton. They brought some splendid reports back to our society. The convention in 1914 will be held in Fort Wayne.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Durnell, Sabbath afternoon, August 31st, their son, Charles Harold.

At the church, Sabbath morning, Sept. 7th, Winifred Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Monn.

At the morning service, Oct. 5th, Charles Wesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masel.

At the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garman, Oct. 10th, Dorothy Lucile and Wilson Howard.

At the morning service, Oct. 12th, Donald D., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Merrilet.

Dorothy Elizabeth and Eubert Dea, children of Mr. and Mrs. Dea Logan.

Gertrude Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seabold.

Arthur Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman.

Viola Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Shultz.

Sabbath morning, Oct. 19th, Katherine Virginia, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Roy Bitner.

HOME THOUGHTS FROM EUROPE.

(By Henry Van Dyke.)

Oh! It's home again, and home again,
 America for me!
 My heart is turning home again to
 God's countrie,
 To the land of youth and freedom, be-
 yond the ocean bars,
 Where the air is full of sunshine and
 the flag is full of stars.

It is good to see the Old World, and
 travel up and down.
 Among the famous countries and the
 cities of renown,
 To admire the crumbly castles, and the
 monuments and kings,
 But soon or late, you have enough anti-
 quated things.
 So it's home again, and home again,
 etc.

Oh, London is a man's town, their's
 power in the air;
 And Paris is a woman's town, with
 flowers in her hair,
 And it's sweet to loaf in Venice, and
 it's great to study Rome;
 But when it comes to living, there is no
 place like home.
 So it's home again and home again,
 etc.

Like the German Fer-woods, in green
 batlations drilled;
 Like the gardens of ber'alles with
 flashing fountains filled;
 But, oh, to take your hand, my dear,
 and ramble for a day
 To the friendly Western woodland
 where Nature has her way!
 So its home again and home again,
 etc.

Oh, Europe is a fine place, yet some-
 thing seems to lack,
 The past is too much with her and the
 people looking back;
 But life is in the present, and the
 future must be free.
 We love our land for what she is, and
 what she is to be.

So it's home again and home again,
 America for me!
 My heart is turning home again to
 God's countrie,
 To the blessed land of Room enough,
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 Where the air is full of sunshine and
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Mr. William Timmis died at his home on Eckert street Wednesday evening, Sept. 17th, after a lingering illness of several years. He was born at Crew, England, Jan. 1st, 1830. He was aged 83 years, 8 months and 16 days. He came to America in 1861. He first resided at Crestline, Ohio. He came to Fort Wayne in 1866. He was for many years an engineer on the Pennsylvania road. He was baptized in his infancy and was reared in a Christian home, and early in life united with the Church of England. About two years ago was received into Grace church. The pastor visited him frequently during the weeks just preceding his death. He gave full assurance of his reconsecration to the Lord and of his acceptance. His wife, four sons and two daughters survive him. The funeral services were held from the home on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wilbert recently entertained at their home on Madison street, Mr. Wilbert's father, his sister, Mrs. Ridenour, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Julia Wilbert, all from Carrol, Ohio. These friends make an annual tour to Fort Wayne and other places, visiting their relatives and friends. We are always glad to see them and have a visit with them. Mr. Wilbert is now past 84, and is still well preserved in body and mind, and is as congenial and happy-hearted as ever. He was born near Bingen-on-the-Rhine. He was greatly interested in knowing that a few months ago we spent a night at Bingen, and he was anxious to have us tell him all about this little historic town, near which he was born and where he lived until he was five years of age, when the family came to America. He has very distinct recollections of his birthplace and of the country, and of the River Rhine. We were glad that we could show him pictures of Bingen, and of the scenery and old castles along the Rhine. We hope this good old father may have many more

years of sojourning here and may make many more visits to Fort Wayne.

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